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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application is noted and appreciated.

The Communication after Decision by Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner is further acknowledged and appreciated.

As suggested by the Examiner, the Abstract has been amended to delete the word "improved" and claims 1, 8 and 19 have been amended. A reconsideration for allowance of claims 1, 8 and 19 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

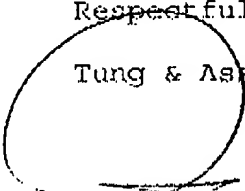
Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 13-15 and 19, are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is respectfully solicited.

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In the event that the present invention is not in a condition for allowance for any other reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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